

NEWSLETTER

The Official Newsletter of Dream Compassioners



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Dream Compassioners

Dream Compassioners is a joint-school international education and volunteering organisation. It aims to provide schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world with daily necessities and opportunities for education, improving their lives in the long term. Dream Compassioners is a registered charitable body. (IR File No. 91/17842) (Society Ref. No. 1963635)

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

31st December 2023

Dear friends of Dream Compassioners,

As we approach the end of 2023, Dream Compassioners continues its unwavering commitment to serving and assisting students and those in need.

In terms of service activities, in addition to the ongoing tutoring program, the online tutoring program in collaboration with Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College has completed its second round of matching, with over 120 pairs of students and teachers matched so far! Additionally, we met with a new group of volunteer tutors this month. We truly appreciate the dedication of our volunteer tutors and hope to recruit more passionate teachers in the coming year! Furthermore, Dream Compassioners collaborated with the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf to organize an inclusive service for the hearing-impaired, where members of the Dream Compassioners executive committee and students from various schools, engaged in games, gift exchanges, and celebrated Christmas with the hearing-impaired children.

In terms of advocacy activities, this month's "Read to Inspire" led us to revisit the 24th "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire" webinar, where we gained insights into the service experiences and reflections on life and death from Miss Koni Lau, co-founder of "Grief Me Light."

Additionally, the orientation day of the subsidiary committees and handover day was successfully completed this month! The third and fourth executive committees get to know each other and share their experiences. The fourth executive committee also engaged in games with the subsidiary committees to foster mutual understanding. We would like to express our gratitude to the third executive committee for their efforts and dedication over the past year, and we thank the management board members for attending and supporting the fourth Dream Compassioners. In addition, our representatives met with the director of New Future for Children in Cambodia this month, where the director shared his service experiences in Cambodia, and had dinner together. We hope to have more opportunities for collaboration in the future and personally experience serving students in Cambodia! Meanwhile, the Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College service club held its regular meeting and invited representatives from Dream Compassioners to share their experiences, hoping that the team members can uphold the mission of Dream Compassioners and contribute to serving students and giving back to society.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude for your support to Dream Compassioners in 2023! In the coming year, we will continue to serve with enthusiasm and assist the community. Wishing you all a happy new year!

Sincerely,
Ms. CHAN Wai Lam, Nicole
Vice President of 4th Executive Committee of Dream Compassioners

OUR AIMS

- 1 This association aims to provide daily necessities and education opportunities for schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world, improving their life in the long term.
- 2 This association strives to raise public awareness of the situation and needs of the poor in poverty-stricken regions, encouraging more capable individuals to lend a helping hand to those in need.
- 3 This association hopes to enrich the organizational and overseas-service-related experience of Hong Kong students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the all-round growth of students and to nurture future servant leaders.
- 4 This association embraces individuals of various religious backgrounds and political viewpoints, yet does not participate in any religious or political activities.



REPORT ON DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Meeting with the director of New Future for Children (NFC)



During this month, Dream Compassioners had a meeting with the director of New Future for Children (NFC) in Cambodia, the Director has served the institution for a remarkable twenty years, which is truly admirable! In the past, Dream Compassioners has provided online tutoring services to NFC and donated supplies through the "Grant a Wish" materials donation project. The director mentioned that the children at ay NFC were very happy to receive the donated items. The director also shared the recent updates of the orphanage and his own service journey and insights, which were highly inspiring. The students gained a lot from the sharing. Afterward, representatives from Dream Compassioners and the director had dinner together, and exchanged cultural experiences from Cambodia and Hong Kong! We hope to have more opportunities for collaboration in the future and look forward to personally visiting Cambodia to serve the local children!

Subsidiary Committee Orientation Day

The Subsidiary Committee Orientation day and handover ceremony for this year have successfully concluded on December 17th. We would like to express our gratitude to the attendance of the 3rd executive committee, who shared their experiences and insights in service and their positions with the 4th executive committee. The term of the 3rd executive committee has officially come to an end, and we thank them for their hard work and dedication over the past year! On the same day, we also held the Orientation day for the Subsidiary Committee, where members had the opportunity to engage in ice-breaking games together and get to know each other, as well as gain a deeper understanding of Dream Compassioners. We would like to thank the management board members for attending and sharing their founding experiences and service stories, which provided us with encouragement. We hope that the new subsidiary committee will work closely with the executive committee, strive to promote service, and contribute their efforts to serving children.





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Lccs Service Club 2nd meeting

The 1st Dream Compassioners Service Club from Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College held their second general meeting on December 19th. During the meeting, the team members reviewed the service activities they had participated in and organized over the past three months. These activities included the “Grant a Wish” materials donation project in October, the first full team meeting, sharing sessions at RTHK, “Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire” webinar in November, committee members attending a High Table dinner at St. John’s College, and an inclusive activity for the hearing-impaired in December. Representatives from Dream Compassioners also attended the meeting to share their service experiences and insights. We hope that the members of the service team will continue to uphold the mission of Dream Compassioners and serve the community with passion in the future, making a positive impact to the best of their abilities.



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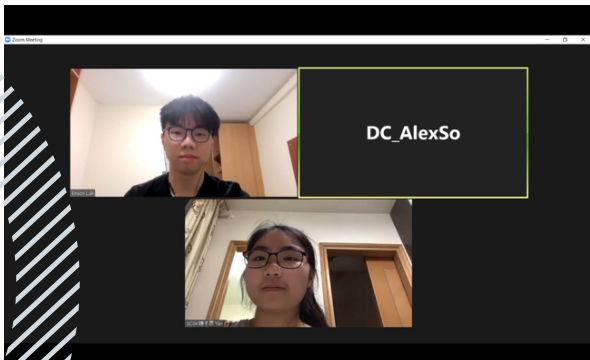


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Inclusive Program for the Deaf

The inclusive program for the hearing-impaired, jointly organized by the Hong Kong Society for the Deaf and Dream Compassioners was successfully held on December 16th. The event brought together hearing-impaired students, students from Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College and Bishop Hall Jubilee School, as well as volunteer students from Dreams with Children, to design various activities and games together. For example, hearing-impaired students designed games such as "Throwing Bean Bags, Passing Bean Bags," "Building Block Imitation," and "Straw Bridge" for other students to participate in. Members of Dream Compassioners and volunteer students from different schools also led hearing-impaired students in various games, such as "Pictionary" and "Creating Harmony Through Photography." The hearing-impaired students listened attentively to the host's explanation of the rules, and the high school students learned to slow down their speech and use sign language to

explain the games, allowing everyone to have a fulfilling experience. As Christmas approached, the event ended with a gift exchange session, celebrating Christmas together!



Free Tuition Service

This month, in addition to the regular tutoring program, the Free Tuition Service in collaboration with Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College has completed its second round of matching. So far, we have successfully matched over 120 students with tutors! In addition, we met with a new group of volunteer tutors this month to prepare for the next round of matching. Each tutor has been exceptional, and we are grateful for their dedication. We welcome more enthusiastic teachers to sign up and participate in this tutoring program, providing academic support to students in need and helping them achieve their dreams!



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Read to Inspire

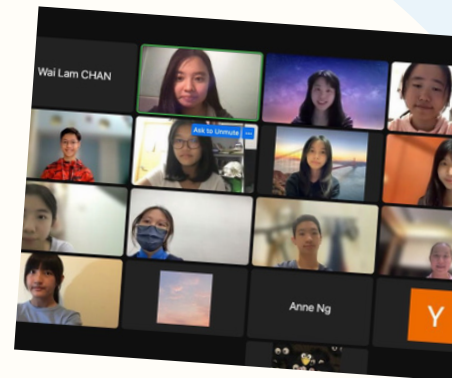
Last month, we were delighted to invite Ms. Koni Lau, co-founder of Grief Me Light, as the guest speaker for the 24th regular webinar of Dream Compassioners. She shared with us about the services related to life and death education in Hong Kong under the theme of "Perceiving Life from Death"

Ms. Lau thought that life and death education should not be only limited to terminally ill patients but should also be promoted in society to encourage the public to reflect on the value of life. She also shared with us about the organization's past activities, including guided tours of Hong Kong cemeteries, the Human Library, and book club workshops, etc.

Additionally, Ms. Lau and other co-founders hope to expose more Hong Kong youth to life and death education. Therefore, in recent years, they have organized various activities for teenagers, such as the Youth Ambassador Programme and the Life-death Education Experiential Learning Car, providing them with opportunities to deeply understand the topic of life and death.

Ms. Lau also pointed out that "death" has always been considered a taboo in Chinese society, and the public tends to avoid discussions related to "death." Under these circumstances, Ms. Lau and other co-founders hope that through the establishment of "Grief Me Light", the public can be encouraged to become more open towards death, learn to cherish the present, and engage in deeper reflections on the value of life and death, rather than avoiding it. Ms. Lau's valuable sharing has also inspired us to face life and death squarely and to deeply reflect on the values and plans in our lives!

We hope that this sharing session will help student leaders understand the importance of life and death education and broaden their horizons. In the future, we will also organize activities related to the mental health of students, so please stay tuned!





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